

REMARKS

The independent claims are claims 1, 5, 11-13, 15, and 19. The pending claims are listed below, following this letter.

Claims 5 and 6 are again allowed. Also, new claims 18 and 20 are indicated to be allowable if put in independent form. Independent claims 1, 11, 13, and 15 are again rejected as obvious from *Kuwahara* in view of *Soliman*, but no longer in view of *Yamamoto*. Claim 12 is again rejected as obvious from *Kuwahara* in view of *Chen* but no longer in view of *Yamamoto*. New claim 19 is rejected on the same grounds as claim 12. There is also a minor objection to claim 13.

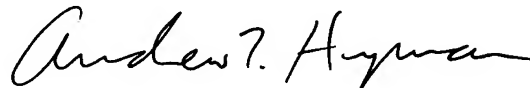
The limitations of allowed claim 18 are now inserted into claim 12. The limitations of allowed claim 20 are now inserted into claim 19. Independent claims 1, 13, and 15 are cancelled. The material in independent claim 11 is deleted, and some limitations of cancelled claim 2 are inserted into claim 11. Several of the dependent claims are cancelled, while the dependencies of several of the dependent claims are changed.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims of the present application define patentable subject matter and are patentably distinguishable over the cited references for the reasons explained. The rejections of the final Office Action having been shown to be inapplicable, retraction thereof is requested, and early passage of all claims to issue is earnestly solicited.

Applicant would appreciate if the Examiner would please contact Applicant's attorney by telephone, if that might help to speedily dispose of any unresolved issues pertaining to the present application.

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